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In re Application of	:	
SUYAMA et al.	:	
Application No.: 10/523,749	:	
PCT No.: PCT/JP03/05362	:	DECISION
Int. Filing Date: 25 April 2003	:	
Priority Date: 12 August 2002	:	
Attorney's Docket No.: 06920/0202496-US0	:	
For: METHOD OF UPGRADING BIOMASS,	:	
UPGRADED BIOMASS, BIOMASS WATER SLURRY	:	
AND METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME, UPGRADED	:	
BIOMASS GAS, AND METHOD OF GASIFYING	:	
BIOMASS	:	

This decision is in response to applicants' "REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT" filed 08 February 2006, 13 March 2006, 01 May 2006, and 30 June 2006.

#### **BACKGROUND**

On 25 April 2003, applicants filed international application PCT/JP03/05362, which designated the United States and claimed a priority date of 12 August 2002. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 26 February 2004. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 14 February 2005 (12 February 2005 being a Sunday).

On 03 February 2005, applicants filed a submission for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the U.S. Basic National Fee and an Application Data Sheet (ADS).

On 22 August 2005, applicants filed a declaration of inventors.

On 25 January 2006, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed a NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) according the application a 35 U.S.C. 371 date of 22 August 2005.

On 08 February 2006, applicants filed a "REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT".

On 13 March 2006, applicants filed a second "REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT".

On 01 May 2006, applicants filed a third "REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT".

On 30 June 2006, applicants filed a fourth "REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT".

### **DISCUSSION**

The first "REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT" requests a change in the title and a change in the address of the third and fifth inventors.

The second "REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT" requests the same changes as the first request.

The third "REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT" also requests the same changes as the first request.

The fourth "REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT" requests a change in the title, a change in the address (different from the correction requested in the first filing receipt) in the third, fifth, and sixth inventors, and a change in the foreign priority.

The change in the title and the change in the foreign priority have been made. As to the requested changes in the address of several of the inventors, attention is directed to MPEP § 601.05 which states in part:

If an application is filed with an application data sheet improperly identifying the residence of one of the inventors, inventor B, and an executed 37 CFR 1.63 declaration setting forth the correct but different residence of inventor B, the Office will capture the residence of inventor B found in the application data sheet as the residence of B, and include that information in the filing receipt. If applicant desires correction of the residence, applicant should submit a supplemental application data sheet under 37 CFR 1.76(c), with the name of inventor B and the corrected residence for inventor B.

Accordingly, should submit a supplemental application data sheet under 37 CFR 1.76(c) for the requested changes in the address of the several inventors. See also 37 CFR 1.76(d)(4).

### **CONCLUSION**

For the reasons set forth above, applicants' request for a corrected filing receipt is **GRANTED-IN-PART**.

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